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NOTE: *Redesignated categories in the revised Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) manual are reflected in this report. All major industry divisions now are realigned as "goods producing" and "service producing," replacing the manufacturing and non-manufacturing breakdown. Revisions were made to industry estimates for 1988 and 1989 for comparisons in the future. Other revisions in data and methods mandated annually by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics also were made in this issue.*

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Employment declined, unemployment increased and personal income reached a new high in January, according to State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: There were an estimated 1,668,300 people working in non-agricultural jobs, a 2 percent drop from December's revised level and 8,200 more jobs than in January 1989 (Page 2). Goods and service-producing industries had fewer jobs over the month, primarily because of seasonal conditions and temporary layoffs. Construction dropped (9.2 percent) from December, retail trade was off (5.5 percent), educational services was lower (2.3 percent) and government employment dipped (1.3 percent). Compared with 1989, service-producing industries showed gains in all but five sectors, with no change in finance, insurance and real estate, food stores and federal government employment.

A slightly shorter work week of 42.6 hours for production workers lowered both hourly and weekly wages in January to $11.34 and $483.08, respectively (Page 3). These figures were up from last year when the hourly wage was $10.98, the work week was 42.3 hours and average weekly wages were $464.45. There was little change (0.1 percent) between months in straight-time earnings of $10.80 per hour and $432 a week, 3.2 percent above the $10.47 hourly and $418.80 weekly rates for January 1989.

Unemployment: Post-holiday layoffs and other seasonal conditions contributed to an increase in January's unemployment, which was a preliminary 4.8 percent, seasonally adjusted to 4.2 percent. This was up from December's revised 4 percent level, and 3.6 percent (actual) and 3.1 percent (seasonally adjusted) for the same month last year. Both rates remained below the nation's January experience of 5.9 percent (actual) and 5.3 percent (seasonally adjusted). Unemployment estimates include people who are receiving benefits, others who are ineligible for compensation or whose benefits expired and those entering or re-entering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In other sections of the economy, personal income of residents set a new high of $5.848 billion (Page 7), new automobile registrations increased, initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits were up and manufacturing output advanced.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	JANUARY 1990(P)	DECEMBER 1989(R)	JANUARY 1989(R)	% CHANGE JAN. '90 OVER DEC. '89	% CHANGE JAN. '90 OVER JAN. '89
Total Nonagricultural Employment..	1,668,300 *	1,701,600 *	1,660,100 *	-2.0	0.5
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	423,500 *	431,000 *	440,300 *	-1.7	-2.1
Construction & Mining.....	66,500	73,200	72,500	-9.2	-8.3
Manufacturing.....	357,000 *	357,800 *	367,800 *	-0.2	-2.9
Durable.....	266,800 *	266,600 *	275,900 *	0.1	-3.3
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,200	6,200	6,700	0.0	-7.5
Stone, Clay & Glass.....	4,300	4,300	4,600	0.0	-6.5
Primary Metals.....	11,400	11,600	12,500 *	-1.7	-8.8
Fabricated Metals.....	40,600 *	40,600 *	42,800 *	0.0	-5.1
Machinery & Computer Equip....	46,600	46,500	47,500	0.2	-1.9
Electronic & Electrical Equip.	38,400	38,500	40,300	-0.3	-4.7
Transportation Equipment.....	82,100	81,700	83,700 *	0.5	-1.9
Instruments.....	29,000	29,000	29,400	0.0	-1.4
Miscellaneous Manufacturing...	8,200	8,200	8,400	0.0	-2.4
Nondurable.....	90,200	91,200	91,900	-1.1	-1.8
Food.....	10,600	11,000	10,900	-3.6	-2.8
Textiles.....	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0	0.0
Apparel.....	5,700	5,600	6,100	1.8	-6.6
Paper.....	8,900	9,000	9,200	-1.1	-3.3
Printing & Publishing.....	28,200	28,400	28,300	-0.7	-0.4
Chemicals.....	21,000	21,300	20,900	-1.4	0.5
Rubber & Plastics.....	11,500	11,600	12,300	-0.9	-6.5
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	1,400	1,400	1,300	0.0	7.7
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	1,244,800 *	1,270,600 *	1,219,800	-2.0	2.0
Transportation.....	40,500 *	41,100 *	40,100	-1.5	1.0
Motor Freight & Warehousing....	16,300	16,900	16,200	-3.6	0.6
Other Transportation.....	24,200 *	24,200 *	23,900	0.0	1.3
Communications.....	18,700	18,600	19,000	0.5	-1.6
Utilities.....	13,400	13,400	13,100	0.0	2.3
Trade.....	382,600	400,400	378,200	-4.4	1.2
Wholesale.....	91,600	92,500	90,200	-1.0	1.6
Retail.....	291,000	307,900	288,000	-5.5	1.0
General Merchandise.....	35,800	39,400	37,200	-9.1	-3.8
Food Stores.....	51,300	53,800	51,300	-4.6	0.0
Auto Dealers & Gas Stations...	32,400	32,500	32,800	-0.3	-1.2
Restaurants.....	73,500	78,300	72,500	-6.1	1.4
Other Retail Trade.....	98,000	103,900	94,200	-5.7	4.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,200	151,300	151,200	-0.1	0.0
Finance.....	55,200	55,500	56,000	-0.5	-1.4
Insurance.....	80,500	79,900	79,800	0.8	0.9
Real Estate.....	15,500	15,900	15,400	-2.5	0.6
Services.....	428,400	433,100	410,900	-1.1	4.3
Hotels.....	13,100	13,600	12,800	-3.7	2.3
Personal Services.....	18,300	18,800	18,200	0.0	0.5
Business Services.....	76,100	78,400	76,500	-2.9	-0.5
Health Services.....	132,000	131,200	126,000	0.6	4.8
Legal & Professional Services..	53,300	52,500	50,300	1.5	6.0
Educational Services.....	38,300	39,200	36,500	-2.3	4.9
Other Services.....	97,300	99,400	90,600	-2.1	7.4
Government.....	210,000	212,700	207,300	-1.3	1.3
Federal.....	25,600	25,800	25,600	-0.8	0.0
State & Local.....	184,400	186,900	181,700	-1.3	1.5
NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT**.....	1,311,300 *	1,343,800 *	1,292,300	-2.4	1.5

* Excludes workers idled to labor management disputes.

** Includes Service Producing Industries and Construction and Mining employment.

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Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1989(R)	Jan. 1989(R)	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1989(R)	Jan. 1989(R)	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1989(R)	Jan. 1989(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$483.08	$484.65	$464.45	42.6	42.7	42.3	$11.34	$11.35	$10.98
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	494.79	496.80	474.65	43.1	43.2	42.8	11.48	11.50	11.09
Lumber & Furniture.....	377.60	384.75	369.66	40.0	40.5	40.4	9.44	9.50	9.15
Stone, Clay and Glass.....	462.58	475.00	467.15	42.4	43.3	42.2	10.91	10.97	11.07
Primary Metals.....	496.39	501.30	492.97	44.4	45.0	45.9	11.18	11.14	10.74
Fabricated Metals.....	460.65	467.18	447.38	42.3	42.9	43.1	10.89	10.89	10.38
Machinery.....	515.91	526.55	512.82	43.5	44.1	44.4	11.86	11.94	11.55
Electrical Equipment.....	407.45	400.26	365.98	43.3	42.9	40.8	9.41	9.33	8.97
Transportation Equipment.....	575.42	570.10	554.67	43.2	42.8	42.7	13.32	13.32	12.99
Instruments	486.64	484.59	485.65	44.2	43.5	43.4	11.01	11.14	11.19
Miscellaneous Manufacturing..	417.61	419.68	373.11	42.7	43.4	40.6	9.78	9.67	9.19
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	446.08	447.84	433.30	41.0	41.2	40.8	10.88	10.87	10.62
Food.....	395.37	406.76	390.46	38.8	39.8	39.6	10.19	10.22	9.86
Textiles.....	371.65	380.88	341.73	41.9	42.7	39.1	8.87	8.92	8.74
Apparel.....	267.52	265.87	270.44	38.0	38.2	38.8	7.04	6.96	6.97
Paper.....	515.13	509.39	507.79	44.6	43.8	43.7	11.55	11.63	11.62
Printing and Publishing.....	446.12	453.95	423.00	38.0	38.7	37.5	11.74	11.73	11.28
Chemicals.....	570.64	563.25	549.96	43.1	42.8	43.1	13.24	13.16	12.76
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	417.63	415.98	388.67	44.1	44.3	42.9	9.47	9.39	9.06
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	310.27	282.65	305.56	40.4	36.9	37.4	7.68	7.66	8.17
CONSTRUCTION.....	672.42	677.79	678.94	39.3	39.8	40.9	17.11	17.03	16.60

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	January Number	1990(P) Percent of Labor Force**	December Number	1989(R) Percent of Labor Force**	January Number	1989(R) Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	84,100	4.8	70,700	4.0	62,000	3.6
Seasonally Adjusted...		(4.2)		(4.0)		(3.1)
Ct. Labor Market Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	13,800	6.1	11,200	4.9	10,400	4.6
Bristol.....	2,300	5.8	1,900	4.7	1,700	4.5
Danbury.....	4,400	3.9	4,000	3.5	3,500	3.1
Danielson.....	3,200	9.2	2,300	6.9	2,100	6.3
Hartford.....	17,900	4.2	15,700	3.7	13,900	3.3
Middletown.....	2,200	4.2	1,900	3.5	1,600	3.2
Lower River.....	700	4.0	600	3.5	500	3.1
New Britain.....	4,300	5.9	3,600	4.9	2,900	4.1
New Haven.....	12,400	4.5	10,700	3.9	9,200	3.5
New London/Norwich*..	7,100	5.4	5,700	4.4	4,800	3.8
Norwalk.....	2,400	3.0	2,300	2.9	2,000	2.5
Stamford.....	3,500	3.1	3,000	2.6	2,400	2.2
Torrington.....	2,400	4.9	2,000	4.0	1,800	3.8
Waterbury.....	7,200	6.9	5,500	5.3	4,700	4.7
Willimantic.....	1,200	4.4	1 000	3.2	800	3.1
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	7,256,000	5.9	6,300,000	5.1	7,309,000	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.3)		(5.4)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Jan. '90	Dec. '89	Jan. '89
1967=100.....	381.5	377.6	362.7
1982-84=100.....	127.4	126.1	121.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 1.0	+ 5.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.
The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS

Labor Market Area	Jan. '90	Dec.'89(R)	Jan.'89(R)	Percent Change to Jan. 1990 from: Dec. '89	Jan. '89
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	196,730	201,380	197,990*	- 2.3	- 0.6
Goods Producing	60,090	61,500	62,230*	- 2.3	- 3.4
Service Producing	136,640	139,880	135,760	- 2.3	0.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	27,180	27,550	26,080	- 1.3	4.2
Goods Producing	8,450	8,620	9,350	- 2.0	- 9.6
Service Producing	18,730	18,930	16,730	- 1.1	12.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	83,890	85,950	83,060	- 2.4	1.0
Goods Producing	26,950	27,780	27,900	- 3.0	- 3.4
Service Producing	56,940	58,170	55,160	- 2.1	3.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,790	23,240	23,140	- 1.9	- 1.5
Goods Producing	8,300	8,630	9,310	- 3.8	- 10.8
Service Producing	14,490	14,610	13,830	- 0.8	4.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	488,580*	491,980*	483,840*	- 0.7	1.0
Goods Producing	105,500*	107,000*	106,790*	- 1.4	- 1.2
Service Producing	383,080*	384,980*	377,050	- 0.5	1.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	47,190	48,510	46,020	- 2.7	2.5
Goods Producing	10,730	10,890	11,510	- 1.5	- 6.8
Service Producing	36,460	37,620	34,510	- 3.1	5.7
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,920	15,500	14,820	- 3.7	0.7
Goods Producing	5,000	5,250	5,490	- 4.8	- 8.9
Service Producing	9,920	10,250	9,330	- 3.2	6.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,610	66,210	66,270	- 0.9	- 1.0
Goods Producing	22,620	23,590	24,500	- 4.1	- 7.7
Service Producing	42,990	42,620	41,770	0.9	2.9
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	254,710*	260,930*	256,160	- 2.4	- 0.6
Goods Producing	56,530*	57,630*	59,080	- 1.9	- 4.3
Service Producing	198,180	203,300	197,080	- 2.5	0.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,140	120,530	117,320	- 1.2	1.6
Goods Producing	36,090	35,990	37,150	0.3	- 2.9
Service Producing	83,050	84,540	80,170	- 1.8	3.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,440	73,480	72,690	- 1.4	- 0.3
Goods Producing	18,360	18,810	20,060	- 2.4	- 8.5
Service Producing	54,080	54,670	52,630	- 1.1	2.8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	124,060	126,820	123,950	- 2.2	0.1
Goods Producing	24,960	25,670	27,340	- 2.8	- 8.7
Service Producing	99,100	101,150	96,610	- 2.0	2.6

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS (Continued)

Labor Market Area	Jan.'90	Dec.'89(R)	Jan.'89(R)	Percent Change to Jan. 1990 from: Dec.'89	Jan.'89
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	33,700	34,270	33,550	- 1.7	0.4
Goods Producing	9,930	10,310	10,710	- 3.7	- 7.3
Service Producing	23,770	23,960	22,840	- 0.8	4.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,550	89,470	87,140	- 1.0	1.6
Goods Producing	26,430	26,950	27,310	- 1.9	- 3.2
Service Producing	62,120	62,520	59,830	- 0.6	3.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,480	24,410	21,390	- 12.0	0.4
Goods Producing	2,290	2,340	2,470	- 2.1	- 7.3
Service Producing	19,190	22,070	18,920	- 13.0	1.4

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich labor market area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1989	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1989	Jan. 1990	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1989
Bridgeport	$514.94	$504.39	$486.49	43.2	43.0	42.6	$11.92	$11.73	$11.42
Hartford	525.03	519.26	485.21	43.0	43.2	42.6	12.21	12.02	11.39
New Britain	514.61	519.06	487.21	42.6	43.4	42.7	12.08	11.96	11.41
New Haven	445.78	459.48	442.74	41.2	42.0	41.3	10.82	10.94	10.72
Stamford	474.35	477.34	492.99	41.5	41.4	42.1	11.43	11.53	10.71
Waterbury	431.71	444.10	428.80	42.2	43.2	43.8	10.23	10.28	9.79

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Seasonally Adj.(R)
1989							
Jan....	1660.1	1682.8	5681	3411	3.7	3.2	$5601.7
Feb....	1658.4	1682.6	4000	3948	3.5	3.1	5638.3
Mar....	1668.6	1683.8	3103	4024	3.0	2.9	5642.5
Apr....	1669.9	1669.1	3710	4657	2.9	3.2	5630.2
May....	1679.1	1674.6	2908	4041	2.9	3.2	5646.0
Jun....	1698.6	1678.2	4205	4580	3.4	3.5	5667.0
Jul....	1678.2	1685.3	5611	3737	3.4	3.2	5693.6
Aug....	1671.0	1684.8	4153	4698	3.7	3.6	5729.1
Sep....	1681.6	1682.6	3021	5073	3.4	3.7	5742.6
Oct....	1702.1	1690.7	3499	4992	3.5	3.7	5796.6
Nov....	1699.3	1680.7	3887	5119	3.4	3.6	5834.1
Dec....	1701.6	1676.2	6966	4171	3.8	3.8	5835.7(R)
1990							
Jan....	1689.6(P)	1711.9(P)	8775	5267	4.8	4.2	5848.2(P)
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)
1989						
Jan....	7721	9505	42.3	42.3	129.3	125.0
Feb....	8453	10468	42.2	42.2	131.1	126.9
Mar....	18761*	13440*	42.4	42.2	131.3	126.1
Apr....	12968	10747	42.2	42.2	128.2	123.3
May....	12296	12680	42.0	42.1	127.9	123.1
Jun....	10442	10851	42.2	42.1	127.9	121.7
Jul....	6549	8482	41.7	42.0	98.0	115.7
Aug....	14292	13586	41.5	42.2	100.3	117.5
Sep....	7092	6734	42.2	42.2	127.2	124.3
Oct....	10734	12191	42.0	42.1	126.5	122.0
Nov....	11312	10884	42.5	42.1	126.9	121.3
Dec....	8377	7950	42.7	42.2	114.8	120.6
1990						
Jan....	9172	11296	42.6	42.6	126.5	122.2
Feb....						
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000
1989	29,097	265,821,000	190,278,000
Jan'89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000
May	25,007	21,526,000	87,494,000
Jun	25,638	18,453,000	1,042,000
Jul	29,660	20,965,000	10,241,000
Aug	30,687	22,836,000	28,056,000
Sep	25,997	17,651,000	512,000
Oct	25,316	20,775,000	6,254,000
Nov	27,225R	20,482,000	15,668,000
Dec	33,614	24,466,000	398,000
Jan'90	48,364	43,603,000	5,309,000
Feb			
Mar			
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,352,000R

Total Outstanding Loans (1/31/90)
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (1/31/90)
$223.6 million

*Interest bearing R-Revised